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2	Effective 1 December 1953, the VPL was		
	re-designated Aeroclubs. Each division designated detachments. The locations refficer of the division in Cottbus was arrived from the USSR. Commanding offic Captain Reinhold (fnu), previously commanding officer of the division in Figure 1953.  Wilpert, the previous commander of returned from the USSR in November 1953.	emained unchanged. Commanding Captain Raatz (fnu) who recently er of the division in Drewitz was ander of the regiment in Cottbus autzen became Lieutenant Colonel f the VPL division. All VPL pi	s Paul
2.	The Yak-11 aircraft assigned to the VPI since 25 November 1953. In December, of Aeroclubs was trained on Yak-18s, while on Yak-11s. The latter aircraft were fluctured that USSR. These VPL pilots were separate training in East Germany.	ne detachment of the individual the other detachment was trained own by pilots who had returned for	d rom
3.	Cottbus airfield was occupied by Yak-18 biplanes with four-bladed propellers, r ll seats in the fuselage. 4	s and Yak-lls in addition to two adial engines, round windows and	
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	designated detachments of the Aeroclub, three regiments of the VPL. It was preveregiments would be expanded to division the VPL. Lieutenant Colonel Wilpert and Raatz is possibly identical with a prev Leander Ratz, about 32 years old, Ruman had been an officer of the Planning Sec Training - Air Force Department. VP Obe for senior lieutenant.	iously assumed that the three exis in connection with an expansion Captain Reinhold are known. Captiously reported VP-Oberkommissarian by birth, who, in October 195 tion of the Main Administration f	isting of tain

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25X1A	2.	Comment. A previous report mentioned the arrival in Frankfurt/Oder of 300 KVF officers wearing civilian clothes. These officers had allegedly received air force training in the USSR for one year. The shipment was dispatched from Frankfurt to Kamenz. It is not known whether all of the officers were pilots. No information has been received on the status of training of the pilots. Those officers who had been pilots of the former Luftwaffe may have received training on jet aircre	25X1A
25X1A	3	Comment. Air activity has also been conducted in Yak-lls at Cottbus airrield since late November 1953.	25X1A
25X1A	4.	Comment. The biplanes mentioned are of type An-2. This aircraft type and the Yak-18s and Yak-11s were repeatedly reported  Jet aircraft have not been observed again with the units of the VFL, now designated Aeroclub.	25X1

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